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SUMMARY: RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF JUNE 13 RIOT PLACES BLAME ON SEVERAL BUCHAREST PARTY AND STATE BODIES AND HAS TRIGGERED DISMISSAL OF THREE SENIOR CITY OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHIEF OF POLICE. BOTH THE INVESTIGATION AND THE SHOW WILL GO ON. END SUMMARY.

2. SCINTEIA JULY 3 CARRIES ARTICLE UNDER TITLE "INFORMATION" CONCERNING JUNE 13 RIOT AT "FILM STARS" STAGE-SHOW SPECTACLE (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO SCINTEIA, INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN "GRAVE NEGLIGENCE" ON PART
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OR ORGANIZERS OF SHOW AS WELL AS "A SERIES OF ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND CADRES" WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH EVENTS. ACCORDINGLY, PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS DECIDED: (A) "TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTY BUREAU AND OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BUCHAREST MUNICIPAL PARTY COMMITTEE (ION DINCA) TO THE SHORTCOMINGS SHOWN IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POLITICAL

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AND ORGANIZATIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF PUBLIC SHOWS"; (B) TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BUCHAREST PEOPLES COUNCIL TO ITS "LACK OF CARE" IN EXERCISING PROPER CONTROL OVER SUBORDINATE UNITS REGARDING THEIR FINANCIAL PRACTICES IN STAGING ARTISTIC-CULTURAL EVENTS; (C) TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE THE "MANIFEST CARELESSNESS" IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO INSURE A SUCCESSFUL SHOW, IN THE SALE OF TICKETS AND CONTROL OF ACCESS, AND IN THE "CORRECT ASSIGNEMENT" OF SEATING; (D) IN VIEW OF FAILURE TO TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY CONCRETE MEASURES TO INSURE SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE EVENT, PROPAGANDA SECRETARY OF BUCHAREST MUNICIPAL PARTY COMMITTEE (COSTICA CHITMIA), PRESIDENT OF BUCHAREST SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE (ION JINGA), AND CHIEF OF BUCHAREST POLICE (MAJOR GENERAL MARIN ZAVERA) ARE DISMISSED FROM THEIR POSTS. (E) BUCHAREST PARTY COMMITTEE IS INSTRUCTED TO DEBATE WITH PARTY ACTIVISTS MEANS TO PREVENT SUCH ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL LAPSES IN THE FUTURE. (F) BUCHAREST PARTY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE ARE INSTRUCTED TO PUNISH "ALL GUILTY PARTIES" IN THEATER, MUSICAL AND FILM ASSOCIATIONS CONNECTED WITH EVENT. (G) COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE, MINISTRY OF INTERNAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFAIRS, AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE ARE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE MEASURES TO INSURE "RIGOROUS RESPECT" FOR LEGAL NORMS GOVERNING TICKET SALES AND SEATING SPACE FOR SUCH EVENTS.

3. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT, SINCE FINANCIAL IRRGULARITIES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED, INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE TO DETERMINE WHO ARE GUILTY PARTIES AND WHAT PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED. SINCE PROPER CONDITIONS ARE NOW ESTABLISHED, SHOW WILL BE PRESENTED AT ORIGINAL LOCALE OF "AUGUST 23" STADIUM ON JULY 17 AND 18, AND ALL THOSE HOLDING TICKETS WILL BE ADMITTED.

4. COMMENT: SO MANY PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF RIOT THAT GOR OBVIOUSLY BELIEVED SOME KIND OF PUBLIC REPORT WAS REQUIRED. SUCH A REPORT IN SCINTEIA IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL, HOWEVER, AND CLEARLY REFLECTS CEAUSESCU'S DISLIKE FOR HAVING A RIOT OCCUR IN HIS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED COUNTRY, EVEN IF THIS ONE WAS ESSENTIALLY THE RESULT OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION DUE TO GROSS OVERSELLING OF TICKETS FOR A POPULAR EVENT. NEVER-

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THELESS, WHILE NO POLITICAL EVENT WAS IMMEDIATE CAUSE,
DEGREE OF POPULAR RAGE EXCEEDED THAT WHICH COULD HAVE
BEEN EXPECTED FROM THE FACTS OF JUNE 13 AFFAIR ITSELF.
IN EFFECT, INCIDENT PROBABLY BECAME OUTLET FOR RESERVIIR
OF PENT-UP FRUSTRATION AND DISCONTENT WITH GENERAL LIVING
CONDITIONS. REPORTS OF SAVAGE BEHAVIOR OF CROWD TOWARD
POLICE TENDS TO BUTTRESS THIS POINT. EMBASSY SOURCE WITH
ACCESS TO SENIOR LEADERS IN SECURITY SERVICES MAINTAINS
SIX DIED AND MORE THAN 100 WERE HURT, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY
ANY PUBLIC REPORT WILL BE MADE EITHER ON CASUALTIES OR
DAMAGES. REMOVAL OF THEE SENIOR BUCHAREST OFFICIALS
PROVIDES THE NECSSARY SCAPEGOATS, ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY MORE
HEADS MAY ROLL. MOST IMPORTANTLY, INCIDENT MAY BE A
SERIOUS BLOT ON POL EX CO MEMBER DINCA'S COPYBOOK.
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